

Accession #2017-21 Davenport Schools Museum  
DRAFT – Initial Inventory Pending some decisions re: keep or not [August 24, 2017]

Items relating to Frances Edna PLATH

*Bio: Frances Edna Plath was born to Edward and Agnes (HAASE/HASSE) PLATH 8 September 1887. According to the 1900 and 1910 federal census records, she was one of 8 children. Frances and her sister Frieda A. (a teacher) lived together in the family residence at 718 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Davenport for many years.*

*According to her obituary, Frances Plath was the first woman to practice law in Scott County, IA, and was the only woman practicing in the county for 18 years. She graduated from Brown's Business College in Davenport in 1907. She taught for a number of years before earning her degree in law from Blackstone Institute in Chicago, IL in 1930. Her obituary states she studied privately for three years in law offices of Charles Grilk, Charles H. Wilson and John A. Hornby. She was admitted to the bar in 1931. Frances Plath died September 1, 1986 in Davenport.*

1906 Report card Frances Plath from Brown's Business College, Davenport  
J.E. Gustus, Superintendent  
Card signed by father Ed. Plath

1907 Commencement program  
Brown's Business Colleges (Dav, RI, Moline)  
Grand Opera House  
Fri, June 14, 1907  
Excellent condition  
Plath graduate of Full Combined Course

1930 Certificate from Blackstone Institute Chicago, IL  
Degree of Bachelor of Laws  
Apr 23, 1930 Frances E. Plath  
Condition: has been folded  
14 x 16.5"

Ephemeral items – no dates:

Party favor "Frieda Plath" - sister of Frances  
Poem "Rhoda" by Ella Elizabeth R. Preston, a Davenport resident and superintendent of art education in the Davenport Schools  
Item with Stamp "Reed's Temple of Music 222.224 Main St. Davenport  
Verso: A.B. Chase The Artists' Ideal Piano  
Richelieu Brand coffee/tea bookmark  
My Soul Shall be Joyful in my God – card

?? KLR had sorted with Plath items:  
Order Book and Customers Ledger  
Student: Karl Frank

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Brown's Business College – Bookkeeping Course Jan. 1, 1911 – August 1912  
Work/entries examined by Elsie Wendt in first half of book

Publications:

Griswold Collegian 1868 Nov & Dec [did WorldCat search]  
?Miss? P. Scofield -- handwritten on front [not located in 1870 census]

Class of 1921 Williamsfield High School [?Knox Co. IL]  
Handwritten speech by Winnie E. Pennington  
"The Business Woman of Today" - Valedictorian of class

Ladies Centennial Society – Davenport [2 online finding aids, but don't name Davenport]  
Executive committee: Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Peck  
Requesting fine handwork for Philadelphia Exhibit – May – Nov 1876

"Scrapbk" Esther Bowersox – romantic  
Daughter of James and Elise Bowersox, 1327 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Married Philemon S. Barr (age 50) of Maple Lawn Farm – Jersey Ridge Road  
On 28 September 1915 in Davenport. She was age 39.

Boy Scouts Expo Feb. 16 & 17, 1945 in Davenport  
WAC Recruiting Booklet [WWII] – not specific to Davenport  
The State of Iowa Welcomes You [1939-1943] – not specific to Davenport  
April Fools Day newspaper 1947 - possibly from Davenport High School  
Schools Build Citizens Today 1953 - not specific to Davenport

Artifacts:

Bank Deposit Bag - NW Bank & Trust  
Rubber stamps – farm, circus

Pamphlets:

Absentee Voting Pamphlet Scott Co. IA Auditor [aft 1984]  
Iowa Voters Guide [REV 1986]

Images:

1916 Fillmore School Grads [removed from frame]  
8 x 10" sepia print mounted on 10 x 12" stock  
5 males, 10 females  
"Mrs. Thompson 435 W. 9<sup>th</sup>" pencil on back  
\*we have Hostetler negs for Fillmore classes 1912, 1913, 1915, 1917 but NOT 1916

1932 J.B. Young Group photo  
8 x 10" sepia print mounted on 12 x 14" stock  
Labeled "9<sup>th</sup> Gr Class J.B.Young Intermediate 1932"

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Davenport Public Library  
321 Main Street Davenport, IA 52801  
www.davenportlibrary.com*

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Names of students, teachers and staf affixed to back, likely by Museum

2 identical copies

1929 Graf Zeppelin – fair condition: tear upper right corner – duplicate of items in our collection

#### QUESTIONABLE KEEPERS:

File on Iowa Authors

Some news clippings have citations but many don't. Some mention Davenport authors.

\*\*One article mentions Dr. Hodges and bird book – KMO would like to keep and possibly put with his collection.

Brewer's Directory of School Superintendents and Normal Principals

1907 Orville Brewer Publishing Co.

Only tie to Davenport = names J.B. Young superintendent

Simon Estes, nephew of Cecile Cooper of Davenport

Newspaper clipping QCT Mon. 25 Feb. 1986 page 31 by Shirley Davis

[could cite in newspaper database?]

"Safety code Geo. S. Applegate" printed on cover

NW Bell Telephone Co.

Compiled by employees of Plant Department

Iowa committee members: H.B. Marshall, Frank Bednar

Eclectic English Classics – Shakespeare's Twelfth Night – Weld

Lots of handwritten notes inside about "sophs"

?? date

Lester j. \_\_\_\_\_

Bayart [?] Iowa

#### ALL DUPLICATES OF ITEMS IN COLLECTION:

Contemporary Club Papers 1971-72, 1972-73

The Annals of Iowa Summer 1984

Galland's Iowa Emigrant

Early Celtic Heritage of Davenport

Clarissa Cook Home 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Election Laws of Iowa 1976 – copy of Iowa Code